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(54) Process for preparing substituted 4-alkyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-alkanoic acid derivatives.

(57) A process for preparing 4-alkyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-alkanoic acid derivatives is described. The 4-alkyl-2(1H)quinazolinones are useful as cardiovascular agents.

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PROCESS FOR PREPARING SUBSTITUTED 4-ALKYL-2(1H)
QUINAZOLINONE-1-ALKANOIC ACID DERIVATIVES

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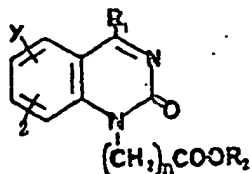
The present invention relates to a method of preparing 4-alkyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-alkanoic acid derivatives.

- 10 In copending application Serial No. 430,552 filed
(corresponding to EP-A-0107398),
September 30, 1982, a method is described for the
preparation of dihydroxy-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-alkanoic
acids. In the synthetic method described therein one of
the key steps in the synthesis involves N₁-alkylation of a
15 substituted quinazolinone by reaction with a Michael
acceptor such as, for example, methyl acrylate in the
presence of a suitable base to give the corresponding N₁-
propionic acid methyl ester. Although generally applic-
able, the process is not well suited for the synthesis of
20 the 8-substituted N₁-alkylated quinazolinones.

By the present invention, a method is described for the
synthesis of substituted 4-alkyl-2(1H)quinazolinones
having substitution in the 8-position. However, compounds
25 having substituents in positions other than the 8-position
can also be prepared by the novel process. Many of the
compounds produced by the novel synthetic method are novel
compounds and as such are included as part of this
invention.

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The substituted 4-alkyl-2(1H)quinazolinones which can be
synthesized by the novel process have the following
structural formula:



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wherein n is an integer from 2-6; R_1 is lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms; R_2 is hydrogen and lower alkyl having 1-4 carbon atoms; and Y and Z are hydroxy and lower alkoxy having 1-4 carbon atoms; also included are the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts of the quinazolinones, such as, for example, the hydrochlorides, the hydrobromides and the hydroiodides.

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Substituted 2(1H)quinazolinones have been reported in the literature [Budesinsky et al., Coll. Czech. Chem. Commun., 37, 2779(1972). Belgian Patent No. 765947 (11)].

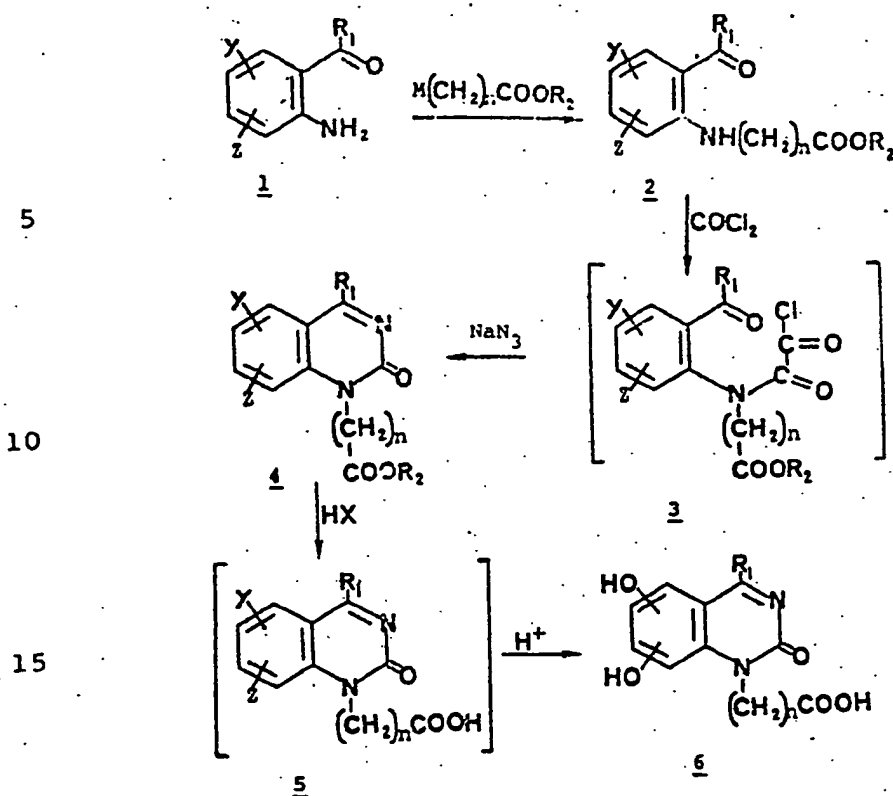
However, none of the reported substituted quinazolinones are substituted with an alkanolic acid residue at the N_1 position or have a hydroxy group on the benzene ring. U.S. Patent No. 3,926,993 describes the preparation of 1-alkyl-4-phenyl-2(1H)quinazolinones from 2-amino-benzophenones, however, no method is described in the patent for regioselectively alkylating the N_1 -nitrogen.

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The novel substituted 2(1H)quinazolinones of the present invention are renal vasodilators. As such they reduce vascular resistance to renal blood flow and are therefore useful as cardiovascular agents.

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The substituted quinazolinones can be synthesized according to the following schematic diagram:



wherein Y, Z, R_1 , R_2 and n are as defined above; M is
 20 chloro, bromo, iodo, tosyl or mesyl and X is chloro or
 bromo.

As can be seen from the above schematic diagram an appro-
 priately substituted 2-aminoacetophenone (1) is first
 25 regioselectively N-alkylated to obtain a secondary amine.
 (2). The reaction is carried out by treating the starting
 material (1) with a ω -haloalkanoic ester as the alkylating
 agent such as, for example, ethyl β -bromopropionate, in
 the presence of a base such as sodium, sodium hydride,
 30 potassium carbonate, sodium hydroxide, sodium acetate or
 an organic base such as triethylamine or pyridine. The
 reaction is preferably carried out neat with an excess of
 the haloalkanoic ester and the base at a temperature
 between 100°-155°C. Alternatively, the reaction may be
 35 carried out in a solvent mixture such as sodium acetate
 and acetic acid. Other solvents which may be employed
 include toluene, xylene, dimethylsulfoxide or

dimethylformamide. In addition to ethyl β -bromopropionate, chloro, bromo, iodo, tosyl and mesyl lower alkyl esters of acetic, butyric, valeric, and caproic acid may be employed. The N-alkylation may also be carried out
5 with the help of a phase transfer reagent or a crown ether and an acrylic acid derivative.

The secondary anilino compound (2) is then treated with an excess of an oxalyl halide, preferably oxalyl chloride,
10 with or without an inert solvent. Where a solvent is employed, solvents such as benzene and methylene chloride can be employed. The reaction can be carried out at a temperature between 0°-50°C. The reaction is preferably carried out at room temperature. The oxamyl halide (3)
15 obtained as the product is then added to a solution of sodium azide to form the quinazolinone (4). The reaction with sodium azide is preferably carried out at temperatures between -5°C and room temperature. The preferred temperature range is -5°C-0°C. Solvents which can be
20 employed include acetone and aqueous acetone. In some cases, the quinazolinone (4) precipitates at this stage in the synthesis. Any precipitate which forms is collected and purified by techniques known to those skilled in the art.

25 In those cases where Y and/or Z are alkoxy, hydrolysis of the N₁-substituted quinazolinone (4) may be carried out either stepwise by first deesterifying the compound with aqueous acid to give the free acid (5) as its acid salt
30 and then dealkylating the free acid (5) with a suitable dealkylating reagent. For example, when Y and/or Z is methoxy, demethylation may be effected by refluxing the quinazolinone (5) in HBr/acetic acid or aqueous hydrogen bromide. However, complete hydrolysis of the quinazolinone (4) can be achieved by refluxing it with HBr/acetic
35 acid or hydrogen iodide to obtain the free acid as the

acid salt. The acid salts can be converted to the free quinazolinone by neutralization techniques known to those skilled in the art.

5 The substituted acetophenones which are the starting materials in the preparation of the substituted 4-alkyl-2(1H)quinazolinones are prepared by methods known to those skilled in the art.

10 Pharmaceutical compositions containing a compound of the present invention as the active ingredient in intimate admixture with a pharmaceutical carrier can be prepared according to conventional pharmaceutical compounding techniques. The carrier may take a wide variety of forms
15 depending on the form of preparation desired for administration, e.g., intravenous, oral or parenteral. In preparing the compositions in oral dosage form, any of the usual pharmaceutical media may be employed, such as, for example, water, glycols, oils, alcohols, flavoring agents, preservatives, coloring agents and the like in the case of
20 oral liquid preparations such as, for example, suspensions, elixirs and solutions; or carriers such as starches, sugars, diluents, granulating agents, lubricants, binders, disintegrating agents and the like in the case of oral solid preparations such as, for example,
25 powders, capsules and tablets. Because of their ease in administration, tablets and capsules represent the most advantageous oral dosage unit form, in which case solid pharmaceutical carriers are obviously employed. If
30 desired, tablets may be sugar coated or enteric coated by standard techniques. For parenterals, the carrier will usually comprise sterile water, though other ingredients, for example, to aid solubility or for preservative purposes, may be included. Injectable suspensions may also
35 be prepared, in which case appropriate liquid carriers, suspending agents and the like may be employed. The

pharmaceutical compositions will generally contain, per dosage unit, e.g., tablet, capsule, powder, injection, teaspoonful and the like, from about 15 to about 300 mg/kg and preferably from about 30 to about 200 mg/kg of the active ingredient.

The following examples describe the invention in greater particularity and are intended to be a way of illustrating but not limiting the invention.

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Example 1

2'-(N-2-Carbethoxyethylamino)-3',4'-dimethoxyacetophenone

Triethylamine (19.4g, 192mM) was added to a mixture of 2'-amino-3',4'-dimethoxyacetophenone (25g, 128mM) and ethyl 3-bromopropionate (139g, 770mM), in a 250mL flask (equipped with a large stirring bar, reflux condenser and nitrogen inlet). The pale solid which formed was stirred at 135°C for 5 hours. The brown homogeneous oil which formed was then cooled to 10°C and 200 mL of 2% NaHCO₃ was added. The solution was then extracted with CHCl₃ (3 x 100mL), the organic layer washed with H₂O (100mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Following filtration, the CHCl₃ and most of the bromopropionate were removed under reduced pressure. The oily residue was charged onto a 10 x 75cm, SilicAR CC-7 column (800g, hexane packed) and eluted with 5 to 20% ethyl acetate/hexane, collecting 1 L fractions. Evaporation of fractions 7-9 gave purified 2'-(N-2-carbethoxyethylamino)-3',4'-dimethoxyacetophenone as a yellow oil (5.86g, 15%); UV (EtOH) nm: 244 (ε29110), 284 (ε11480); MS (Probe) 295 (M+).

Example 26'-Acetyl-N-β-carbethoxyethyl-2',3'-dimethoxyoxaniloyl chloride

5 2'-(N-2-Carbethoxyethylamino)-3',4'-dimethoxyacetophenone (5.8g, 19.66mM) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (11mL, dried over MgSO₄) and added slowly to cold (5°C) oxalyl chloride (14.5g, 114mM). The solution was allowed to stir at room temperature for one hour after which time the solvent and excess (COCl)₂ were removed at reduced pressure, below 10 30°C. The red, oily residue of crude 6'-acetyl-N-β-carbethoxyethyl-2',3'-dimethoxyoxaniloyl chloride was used in the next step without further purification.

15 Example 37,8-Dimethoxy-4-methyl-2-(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid ethyl ester

20 6-Acetyl-N-β-carbethoxyethyl-2',3'-dimethoxyoxaniloyl chloride (42.25mM) was dissolved in acetone and quickly added to an aqueous NaN₃ solution (2.75g, 42.25mM) which was stirred at 5°C. Following the addition, the solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. About 70% of the solvent was removed by evaporation in vacuo, below 25 40°C. The residue was extracted with CHCl₃ (3 x 175mL) and washed with brine (100mL). The organic extracts were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and evaporated at reduced pressure. Trituration of the residue with ether/hexane gave 7,8-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid 30 ethyl ester as a yellow solid (4.56g, 73%), mp 128-130°C.

Example 47,8-Dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid
Hydrobromide

5 7,8-Dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid
ethyl ester (2g, 6.25mm) was dissolved in HBr (22mL, 48%)
and AcOH (20mL, glacial) and refluxed for two days. Upon
cooling a yellow crystalline solid separated which was
isolated by filtration and washed with acetone to give
10 purified 7,8-dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-
propionic acid hydrobromide hemihydrate (1.27g, 59%), mp
236-238°C.

Example 57,8-Dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid

The free base was obtained by treating the HBr salt
(1.32g, 3.73mm) with a solution of NaHCO₃ (0.392g, 4.66mm)
in H₂O and dried to give purified 7,8-dihydroxy-4-methyl-
20 2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid, 3/4 hydrate, (0.84g,
85%) mp 218-220°C.

Example 62'-(N-2-Carbethoxyethylamino)-3',5'-dimethoxyacetophenone

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2'-Amino-3'-5'-dimethoxyacetophenone (57g, 0.29mol),
sodium acetate (27.4g, 0.33mol) and ethyl 3-bromo-
propionate (277ml, 2.2mol) were added to acetic acid
(356mL) and stirred at reflux for 5 hours. The solution
30 was poured into water and neutralized with NaOH (120g in 1
L H₂O) and excess K₂CO₃. The solution was extracted with
2 x 2 and 6 x 1 L CH₂Cl₂. The extracts were combined,
dried (MgSO₄) and added to a 3" column containing 2.3kg
silicic acid (SilicAR, CC-7) for chromatography. Th
35 first 6 L of eluent contained bromo ester and were
discarded. After all the solution had been added elution

was continued with 7.5% ethyl acetate in CH_2Cl_2 collecting 1 L fractions. Fractions 4 to 19 contained substituted aminoacetophenone (total wt 57.2g, 66.3% yield) as a dark red liquid, IR (neat) μ : 3.03, 5.76, 6.08, 6.18; 295 (M+).

Example 7

6'-Acetyl-N- β -carbethoxyethyl-2',4'-dimethoxyoxaniloyl chloride

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2'-(N- β -Carbethoxyethylamino)-3',5'-dimethoxyacetophenone (5.30g, 16.95mM) in CH_2Cl_2 (35mL) was slowly added (45 min.) to cold (5-10°C) oxalyl chloride (12.48g) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The solvent and excess (COCl_2) were removed in vacuo at 30°C to give the title oxaniloyl chloride as a red oil (6.4g) which was immediately used up in the next step, without further purification.

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Example 8

6,8-Dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid ethyl ester

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6'-Acetyl-N- β -carbethoxyethyl-2',4'-dimethoxyoxaniloyl chloride (6.4g) in acetone (36mL) was cooled to 15°C and added to a stirred solution of NaN_3 (2.3g, 35mM) in H_2O (7.5mL) at 10°C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for an additional 3.5 hours. Most of the solvent was removed in vacuo at 30°C and the residue extracted with CHCl_3 (3 x 175mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried (MgSO_4), filtered and the solvent evaporated in vacuo. The crude product was immediately chromatographed on a silica gel column (30 x 5 cm, SilicAR CC-7) using CHCl_3 and then 2% methanol/ CHCl_3

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as the eluent to isolate the product (3.6g, 66%) as an oil [MS: 320 (M+)] and was immediately reacted with 1N HCl to convert it to the free acid as follows.

5 Example 9

6,8-Dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid
 Monohydrochloride

Crude 6,8-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid ethyl ester (3.6g, 11.25mM) was dissolved in 1N HCl (44mL) and stirred at room temperature for 2 days. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo (60-70°C) and the residue triturated with acetone to isolate 6,8-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid monohydrochloride as a yellow crystalline solid (2.70g, 39%), mp 213°C.

Example 10

6,8-Dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic
20 acid

The monohydrochloride salt when treated with water dissociates to give the free base as a solid, mp 243-245°C. IR (KBr): 5.80, 6.19, 6.37; NMR (TFA): identical to that of the hydrochloride salt in TFA.

Example 11

6,8-Dihydroxy-4-methyl-2-(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic
30 acid Monohydroiodide

6,8-Dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid (1.75g, 5.32mM) was dissolved in hydriodic acid (48%, 30mL) and refluxed for a total of 9 hours. The solution was evaporated at 75-80°C (hi-vac) to give a reddish semi-solid which was triturated with acetone: ethyl acetate

(5:95; 15mL) and then the solvent decanted. The solid was washed with ether (10 x 30mL) carefully decanting each time and then filtered and washed with ether (3 x 30mL) to give purified 6,8-dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid monohydroiodide as an orange solid (860 mg, 40%): mp 240-246°C.

Example 12

10 6,8-Dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid

The hydroiodide salt of the 6,8-dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid (581mg, 1.45mM) was added to an aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (122mg, 1.45mM) at room temperature and stirred for 20 minutes. The pptd. free base was filtered and carefully washed with ice cold H₂O (3 x 2.5mL) to give purified 6,8-dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)-quinazolinone-1-propionic acid as a yellow solid (310mg, 81%), mp 255-257°C.

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Example 13

2'-(N-2-Carbethoxyethylamino)-3',6'-dimethoxyacetophenone

Triethylamine (19.4g, 192mM) was added to a mixture of 2'-amino-3',6'-dimethoxyacetophenone (2.5g, 128mM) and ethyl 3-bromopropionate (139g, 770mM) in a 250mL flask. The pale solid complex so formed was stirred at 135° for 2 hours with a large and heavy stirring bar. During this time the complex became a homogeneous brown oil. This oil was cooled to 10°C and 200 mL of 2% NaHCO₃ was added to the reaction mixture. The solution was then extracted with CHCl₃ (3 x 100mL) and the organic layer washed with H₂O (100mL) and then dried over MgSO₄. After filtration, the CHCl₃ and most of the bromopropionate were removed under reduced pressure. The oily residue was put on a

10 x 60cm, SilicAR CC-7 column (500g) and eluted with 5-
20% ethyl acetate/hexane, collecting 1 L fractions.
Evaporation of fractions 5 and 6 gave purified 2'-(N-2-
carbethoxyethylamino)-3',6'-dimethoxyacetophenone (9.97g,
5 26%); IR (neat) μ : 3.3, 5.78, 5.8, 6.25.

Example 14

2-Acetyl-8-carbethoxyethyl-3',6'-dimethoxyoxaniloyl
chloride

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2'-(N-2-Carbethoxyethyl-3',6'-dimethoxyacetophenone (6.0g,
10.27ml, 20.3mM) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (35mL) and slowly
added to cold (5°C) oxalyl chloride (15g, 118mM). The
solution was stirred at room temperature for one hour,
15 after which the solvent and excess $(\text{COCl})_2$ were removed
under reduced pressure below 30°C. The red, oily residue
of crude 2'-acetyl-N-8-carbethoxyethyl-3',6'-dimethoxy-
oxaniloyl chloride was used in the following step without
further purification.

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Example 15

5,8-Dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid
ethyl ester

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6'-Acetyl-8-carbethoxyethyl-2',6'-dimethoxyoxaniloyl
chloride (7.84g, 20.3mM) was dissolved in acetone (30mL),
cooled (0-5°C) and quickly added to a cooled 15°C and
stirred aqueous NaN_3 solution (2.66g/5mL, 41mM). Follow-
ing the addition, the solution was stirred at room tem-
30 perature for three hours. Approximately 70% of the
solvent was removed by evaporation in vacuo, below 40°C,
and the residue extracted with CHCl_3 (3 x 175mL). The
organic layer was washed with brine (100mL), dried
(MgSO_4), filtered and evaporated at reduced pressure. The
35 crude product was chromatographed on a 4 x 30cm, CHCl_3 .

packed, SilicAR CC-7 column (300g) using 4% methanol/
CHCl₃ as the eluent and collecting 500mL fractions.
Evaporation of fractions 6-9 gave purified 5,8-dimethoxy-
4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid ethyl ester
5 as a yellow solid (2.61g, 38%), mp 96-97°C.

Example 16

5,8-Dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic
acid

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Substituting 5,8-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-
propionic acid ethyl ester for 6,8-dimethoxy-4-methyl-
2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid ethyl ester and
treating it with HI as described for the preparation of
15 6,8-dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic
acid, one obtains 5,8-dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazoli-
none-1-propionic acid.

Example 17

20 6'-(N-2-Carbethoxyethylamino)-2',3'-dimethoxyacetophenone

A. A slurry of 2',3'-dimethoxy-6'-nitrobenzoic acid
(22.7g, 0.1mole) in ether (850ml) was treated with a
hexane solution of methyl lithium (445ml of a 1.6 M
25 solution in n-hexane). The mixture was refluxed for two
days and then cooled. Cold water (250ml) was added
slowly. Removal of the solvent from the organic layer
gave a light brownish residue. Crystallization from
isopropanol afforded 2',3'-dimethoxy-6'-nitroacetophenone
30 (42% yield), mp 64-66°C. Catalytic hydrogenation of 2,3-
dimethoxy-6-nitroacetophenone in MeOH with 10% Pd/C in a
Parr apparatus afforded 6'-amino-2',3'-dimethoxyaceto-
phenone (95% yield), mp 57-58°C.

- B. Triethylamine (3.80g, 5.35mL, 38.46mM) was at once added under N_2 to a stirred mixture of 6'-amino-2',3'-dimethoxyacetophenone (2.5g, 12.8mM) and ethyl 3-bromopropionate (13.93g, 9.86mL, 76.93mM) at room temperature.
- 5 Immediately the reaction mixture solidified. This was heated under N_2 to 135-145°C (bath temperature) for a period of 3 hours, while periodically stirring the solid reaction mixture to form a uniformly soft, semisolid mass. After cooling, the reaction was treated with 10% $NaHCO_3$
- 10 (50mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 60mL). The organic layer, after the H_2O wash, drying (Na_2SO_4), and the removal of the solvent in vacuo, gave a dark brown oily residue (5.3g). This was chromatographed on a column of SilicAR CC-7 (350g, 57cm x 5cm) packed in hexane and
- 15 eluted with increasing proportions of ethyl acetate/hexane, collecting 1 L fractions. Fraction 6, eluting with 15% ethyl acetate/hexane gave, upon removal of the solvent in vacuo, purified 6'-(N-2-carbethoxyethylamino)-2',3'-dimethoxyacetophenone (0.452g, 12%) as a light
- 20 yellow oil. IR (neat) μ : 2.97, 5.75, 6.10.

Example 18

2'-Acetyl-N- β -carbethoxyethyl-3',4'-dimethoxyoxaniloyl chloride

- 25 By substituting 6'-(N-2-carbethoxyethylamino)-2',3'-dimethoxyacetophenone for 2'-(N-2-carbethoxyethylamino)-3',4'-dimethoxyacetophenone in the procedure described for the preparation of 6-acetyl-N- β -carbethoxyethyl 2',3'-
- 30 dimethoxyoxaniloyl chloride one obtains 2'-acetyl-N- β -carbethoxyethyl-3',4'-dimethoxyoxaniloyl chloride.

Example 195,6-Dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid methyl ester

- 5 By substituting 2'-acetyl-N-8-carbethoxyethyl-3',4'-dimethoxyoxaniloyle chloride for 6-acetyl-N-8-carbethoxyethyl-3',4'-dimethoxyoxaniloyle chloride in the procedure described for the preparation of 7,8-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid ethyl ester one
10 obtains 5,6-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid methyl ester, recrystallized from ethyl acetate, mp 118-119°C. IR (KBr) μ : 5.73, 6.08.

Example 202'-(N-2-Carbethoxyethylamino)-4',5'-dimethoxyacetophenone

- Triethylamine (3.88g, 5.34mL, 38.44mM) was added at once under N₂ to a stirred mixture of 2'-amino-4',5'-dimethoxyacetophenone (2.5g, 12.8mM) and ethyl 3-bromopropionate
20 (17.43mL, 96.2mM) at room temperature. Immediately the reaction mixture solidified. This was heated under N₂ to 140-150°C (bath temp.) for a period of 4 hours during which the reaction mixture had partially liquified into a red-brown, viscous slurry. After cooling to room temperature it was treated with 5% NaHCO₃ solution (50mL) and
25 then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 60mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H₂O, dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated in vacuo to remove CH₂Cl₂ (low vacuum) and excess 3-bromopropionate (under high vacuum at 50-60°C).
30 The dark oily residue was chromatographed on a column of SilicAR CC-7 (300g, 55.5 x 6 cm) packed in hexane. The sample was applied to the column in CH₂Cl₂ (50mL) followed by elution with hexane and then with increasing proportions of ethyl acetate/hexane, collecting 1 L fractions.
35 Fractions 10 and 11, afforded, upon evaporation to dryness 2'-(N-2-carbethoxyethylamino)-4',5'-dimethoxyacetophenone as a waxy crystalline solid (1.33g, 35.2%), mp 73-75°C.

Example 216-Acetyl-N- β -carbethoxyethyl-3',4'-dimethoxyoxaniloyl chloride

5 By substituting 2'-(N-2-carbethoxyethylamino)-4',5'-
dimethoxyacetophenone for 2'-(N-2-carbethoxyethylamino)-
3',4'-dimethoxyacetophenone in the preparation of 6'-
acetyl-N- β -carbethoxyethyl-2',3'-dimethoxyoxaniloyl
10 chloride, one obtains 6'-acetyl-N- β -carbethoxyethyl-3',4'-
dimethoxyoxaniloyl chloride.

Example 226,7-Dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid ethyl ester

15 By substituting 6'-acetyl-N- β -carbethoxyethyl-3',4'-di-
methoxyoxaniloyl chloride for 6'-acetyl-N- β -carbethoxy-
ethyl-2',3'-dimethoxyoxaniloyl chloride in the procedure
described for the preparation of 7,8-dimethoxy-4-methyl-
20 2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid ethyl ester, one
obtains 6,7-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-
propionic acid ethyl ester; IR (KBr) μ : 5.80, 6.06; MS
(probe): 320 (M+).

Example 232'-(N-3-Carbethoxypropylamino)-4',5'-
dimethoxyacetophenone

25 Ethyl-4-bromobutyrate (190.7 g, 978 mM) was added with
30 stirring to 2'-amino-4',5'-dimethoxyacetophenone (31.8 g,
163 mM) in triethylamine (33.9 mM) and the reaction
mixture was heated at 110°C for one hour. After cooling
to room temperature 100 mL of 2% NaHCO₃ was added and the
reaction mixture was stirred for sixteen hours. A yellow
35 solid formed which was dissolved in CHCl₃ (250 mL). The
aqueous phase was extracted with CHCl₃ (4 x 200 mL), the

organic extracts were combined and dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and the solvent removed in vacuo to give a semi-solid residue. The residue was chromatographed on SilicAR CC-7 and the appropriate fractions were crystallized upon
5 standing from ether to afford the title compound in 62% yield, mp 74-76°C.

Example 24

2'-(N-4-Carbethoxybutylamino)-4',5'-
10 dimethoxyacetophenone

When ethyl-5-bromopentanoate is employed instead of ethyl-4-bromobutyrate in Example 23 the title compound is obtained.

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Example 25

6,7-Dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-butanoic acid
ethyl ester

20 Oxalyl chloride (110.4 g, 87 mM) was added in a slow stream with stirring to a solution of 2'-(N-3-carboxypropylamino)-4',5'-dimethoxyacetophenone (27.0 g, 87 mM) in CH_2Cl_2 (350 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for thirty minutes at room temperature. The
25 solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue treated with acetone (150 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred while a solution of sodium azide (16.96 g, 26 mM) in H_2O (60 mL) was added slowly with stirring for sixteen hours. The solvent was removed in vacuo to give a residue which
30 was chromatographed on a SilicAR CC-7 column to afford the title compound in 19% yield, mp 137-139°C.

Example 26

6,7-Dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-pentanoic acid ethyl ester

5 When 2'-(N-4-carbethoxybutylamino)-4',5'-dimethoxyacetophenone is treated with oxalyl chloride and then sodium azide as in Example 25, the title compound is obtained.

Example 27

10 6,7-Dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-butanoic acid 1/4 Hydrate

When 6,7-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-butanoic acid ethyl ester is refluxed with excess 40% aqueous HBr for 24 hours the title compound is afforded in 80% yield, mp 288-299°C.

Example 28

20 6,7-Dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-pentanoic acid

When 6,7-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-pentanoic acid ethyl ester is hydrolyzed with 40% aqueous HBr for 24 hours as in Example 27 the title compound is obtained.

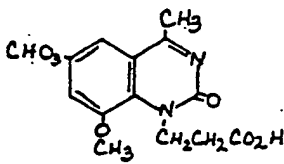
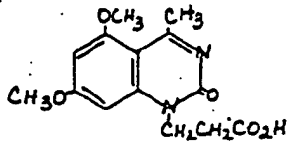
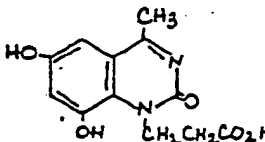
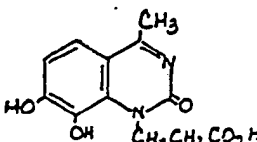
The renal vasodilator activity of the substituted quinazolinones is determined by the following general procedure:

30 METHODS

Adult mongrel dogs are anesthetized and surgically prepared for electromagnetic measurement of renal artery blood flow. A carotid artery is cannulated for measuring arterial blood pressure and drugs are administered intravenously. Heart rate (HR) is monitored by a cardiometer. Renal vascular resistance (RVR) is calculated as

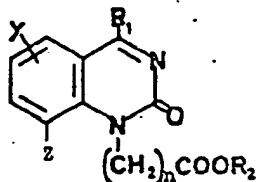
the ratio of mean arterial blood pressure (MABP)/renal artery blood flow (RBR). Cumulative dose-response data are obtained by infusing the test drug at progressively increasing (usually three-fold) infusion rates, each dose
5 being infused for five minutes. The maximum percent change from pre-drug control is quantitated for each parameter. Reductions in renal vascular resistance represent renal vasodilation. The activity of some representative compounds of this invention is listed
10 below.

RENAL VASODILATOR ACTIVITY
IN THE ANESTHETIZED DOG

STRUCTURE	TOTAL CUMULATIVE DOSE mg/kg, i.v.	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRE-DRUG BASELINE			
		RBF	RYR	MABP	HR
	15	+49	-29	+6	-20
	30	+20	-27	-15	0
	15	+22	-19	0	-3
	13.9	+27	-26	-6	-15

CLAIMS:

1. A compound of the formula:



10 wherein n is an integer from 2-6; R₁ is lower alkyl; R₂ is hydrogen or lower alkyl; and Y and Z are hydroxy or lower alkoxy; and the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof; provided that Y and Z are not hydroxy at the same time in the 5,6 or 6,7 position.

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2. A compound of Claim 1 selected from ethyl 7,8-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionate; 7,8-dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid hydrobromide and 7,8-dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid.

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3. A compound of Claim 1 selected from ethyl 6,8-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionate; 6,8-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid hydrochloride; 6,8-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid; 6,8-dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid monohydroiodide; and 6,8-dihydroxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid.

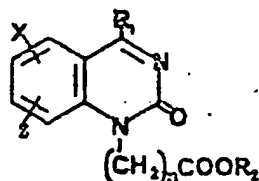
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4. A compound of Claim 1 selected from ethyl 5,8-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid-1-propionate and 5,8-dihydroxy-2(1H)quinazolinone-1-propionic acid.

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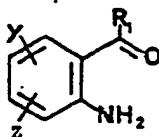
5. The process for the preparation of a compound of Claim 1 of the formula:

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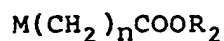
which comprises reacting a compound of the formula:

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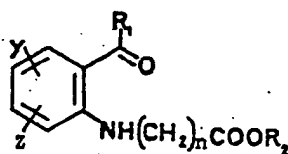
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with an alkylating agent of the formula:



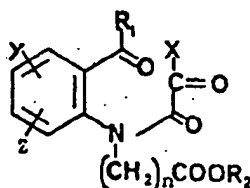
20 to form a compound of the formula:

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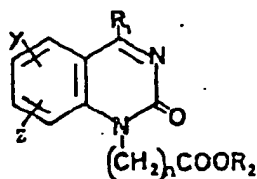
reacting the secondary anilino compound formed with an oxalyl halide to form a compound of the formula:

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and reacting the oxaryl halide which is formed with sodium azide to form a quinazolinone of the formula:

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wherein n is an integer from 2-6; R₁ is lower alkyl; R₂ is lower alkyl; Y and Z are lower alkoxy; X is chloro or bromo; and M is halo, tosyl or mesyl.

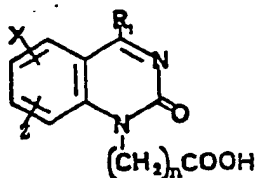
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6. The process of Claim 6 wherein the alkylating agent is ethyl 3-bromopropionate.

7. The process of Claim 6 wherein the oxaryl halide is oxaryl chloride.

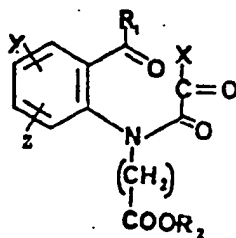
8. The process for the preparation of a compound of Claim 1 of the formula:

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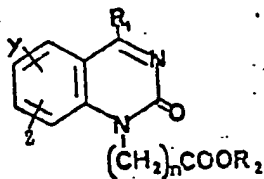


which comprises reacting an oxaryl halide of the formula:

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with sodium azide to form a quinazolinone of the formula:

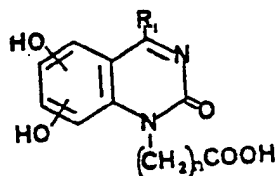


and reacting the quinazolinone with acid to give the free acid as the acid salt; wherein Y and Z are lower alkoxy; R₁ and R₂ are lower alkyl; n is an integer from 2-6; and X is chloro or bromo.

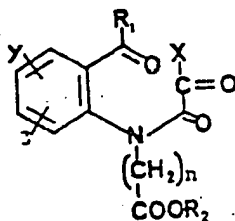
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9. The process of Claim 8 wherein the acid is hydrochloric acid.

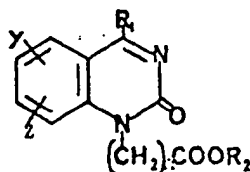
15 10. The process for the preparation of a compound of Claim 1 of the formula:



which comprises reacting an oxamyl halide of the formula:



30 with sodium azide to form a quinazolinone of the formula:



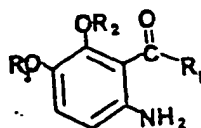
and refluxing the quinazolinone with acid to form the free acid as the acid salt; wherein n is an integer from 2-6; Y and Z are lower alkoxy; R₁ and R₂ are lower alkyl and X is chloro and bromo.

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11. The process of Claim 10 wherein the acid is hydroiodic acid.

12. A compound of the formula

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15 wherein R₁, R₂ and R₃ are the same or different lower alkyl.

13. The compound of Claim 12 wherein R₁, R₂ and R₃ are methyl.

20 14. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 4 for use as a therapeutic agent.

15. A method of making a pharmaceutical composition comprising mixing a compound according to any of claims 1 to 4 with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.